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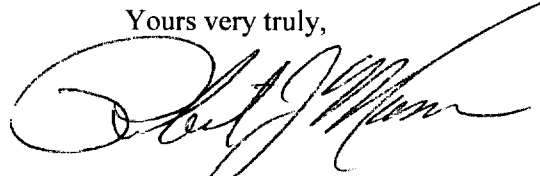
Re: Docket No.: 98N-1038 "Irradiation in the Production, Processing  
and Handling of Food

Dear FDA:

Please register my desire to continue the requirement for proper labeling of irradiated foods and processes. The original rationale of the FDA in requiring such labeling remains unchanged. Irradiation is a process that does that change the texture, taste, storage characteristics and nutrients of a food or process and members of the consuming public are entitled to this information in making their own choices regarding the food they ate and serve.

I support the current terminology of "treated with radiation" or "treated by irradiation" and the use of the symbol on all irradiated whole foods. It is clear that irradiation is a "material fact" concerning the processing of food and in our protection of individual rights, disclosure is both appropriate and necessary.

Yours very truly,



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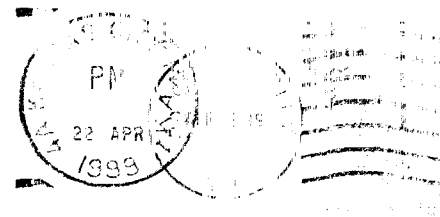
cc: Representative Karen McCarthy  
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